

District Judge Kymberly K. Evanson

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ANKIT ARUN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTONY J. BLINKEN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01886-KKE

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until February 20, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to complete administrative processing of Plaintiff's nonimmigrant visa application. Defendants' response to the Complaint is currently due on January 21, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until February 20, 2025.¹

¹ The parties' stipulated motion referenced March 24, 2025, instead of February 20, 2025. The Court corrected this reference for consistency.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
5 P. 1.

6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
7 intervention. A consular officer at the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, India, refused Plaintiff’s
8 nonimmigrant visa application pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1201(g) for additional security vetting on
9 December 27, 2024. Once the vetting is completed, a consular official may readjudicate
10 Plaintiff’s visa application. Because further litigation may not be necessary after the security
11 vetting is completed, the parties agree that holding this case in abeyance through February 20,
12 2025, is appropriate. Therefore, the parties believe good cause exists for a stay in these
13 proceedings to save the parties and this Court from spending unnecessary time and judicial
14 resources on this matter.

15 Accordingly, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until February
16 20, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before February 20, 2025.

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DATED this 21st day of January, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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*I certify that this memorandum contains 318
words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until February 20, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before February 20, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2025.



Kymberly K. Evanson
United States District Judge